



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: May 11, 2017

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Type of Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: May 11, 2017 Time: 3:39 AM

Location of Incident: E. 11th Ave. at Ohlen Ave.

Zone: 4 Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 170391757

Cruiser District: 50

Decedent(s)

Name: Daniel Witherow Sex: M Age: 41

Other Party

Name: Greg Davis Sex: M Age: 33

Name: Brandon Pannell Sex: M Age: 32

Incident Summary:

On May 11, 2017 at approximately 3:39 AM, Mr. Daniel Witherow was operating a Toyota westbound on E. 11th Ave. east of Grogan Ave. He was alone in the car. At this time, Mr. Greg Davis was operating a Toyota eastbound on E. 11th Ave. west of Ohlen Ave. Mr. Brandon Pannell was the front seat passenger in Mr. Davis' car. Mr. Davis' car crossed left of the center line and collided head-on with Mr. Witherow's car between Ohlen Ave. and Grogan Ave. Mr. Davis and Mr. Pannell were taken to Grant Medical Center in stable condition. Mr. Witherow was pronounced dead at the scene by CFD medics.

Mr. Davis was processed for impaired driving and blood results are pending testing. This investigation is ongoing.

This release has been updated from an original that had identified Mr. Witherow as "John Doe" pending next of kin notification.

This is the 20th traffic fatality in Columbus this year.

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